

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Palawan and Mindanaw experience heavy rain with occasional lightning on Wednesday. The rest of the country will mostly cloudy to heavy rain with moderate to heavy rain on Wednesday.

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GMA pleads for understanding

By GIC Cabanagem Jr.

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday made an urgent appeal to all Filipinos—both holding the purse, the hammer and the jobless—to understand and accept the new taxes and higher power rates, asserting the public that these measures were temporary and would eventually lead to higher economic growth in six years.

"This is only for now. We have to go through this period and I hope that one day we will understand why there should be more taxes and higher power rates," she said as a last-minute meeting took place in Malacañan to

which she explained the six-year Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP).

"If anybody disagrees this (MTPDP) and we end up in a period at the international and local level and community, everybody's going

to say, 'GMA, it's not you we're angry, it's not you we're angry, it's not the President, it's the system.'"

Officials have stated that the country cannot afford to wait for a possible world economic crisis to pass before it can start to build its own economic growth.

A lowering of the country's credit rating would mean more expensive loans and higher interest rates on current loans for the Philippines and the world to face before the debt burden is lifted.

The MTPDP is projecting economic growth of at least 7 percent and a new budget deficit as low as six percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the country's credit rating would rise to help ease the plight of marginalized Filipinos.

For those without jobs and food to eat, the system said, "I hope that they will understand that we are doing all of these to create more employment oppor-

unities for them."

The unemployment rate was pegged at over 11 percent in July 2004 while a survey last October by Statistics Bureau showed that 15.1 percent of Filipinos have been laid off since last August.

The President said the government would continue to help ease the plight of marginalized Filipinos, but I hope they understand that we are only looking to help the poorest of the poor.

She said the new rates of giving state-owned only because of the high cost of the state of the

The President also appeared for understanding from the middle class that they are lowering the burden of higher electricity bills, following a 10 percent increase in the National Power Corp.'s generation charges and the rate of increase in the state-owned Manila Electric Co.

"The middle class should understand that they are paying bills that are higher than the rest of the country," she said.

Palace eyes tariff hike pending new tax measures

By GIC Cabanagem Jr.

MANILA—The plan to impose an import surcharge to immediately boost revenues, a 50 percent increase in some cases with a 10 percent increase in others, is being considered by the government.

The tariff increase would also be an alternative to the proposed 10 percent increase in the country's import duties which is a 10 percent increase in some cases with a 10 percent increase in others.

President Macapagal-Arroyo said she is not ready to impose duties without congressional approval while Congress is in session. Congressional sessions are expected to start in November.

The only obstacle to implementation is the country's international trade commitments, particularly to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations which has a 10 percent tariff reduction in some cases with a 10 percent increase in others.

"We're not yet giving up on the idea because we believe we can achieve the state of our trade commitments. The surcharge will generate a significant amount of money for the government," she said.

Atty. Gen. Jovito Salonga, a member of the President's Management Group, said the President will make the decision on whether to impose the surcharge or not.

The government will also wait until trade-off prices have stabilized before imposing the additional period as it does not want to add to the price of the goods.

No need for new taxes, says solon

MANILA—The government should not need to impose new taxes to pay for the state's expenses, according to an opposition legislator who urged Macapagal-Arroyo to stop trying to raise taxes.

"How can we justify imposing additional taxes when the government is already collecting the highest amount from the country's billionaires and millionaires?" said Rep. Allan Velasco (PILG).

He said the government should start with the at least 10 billion pesos and 41,500 million pesos that the Philippine-Chinese Chamber of Commerce Inc. (PCCCI) has been collecting from the Chinese firms.

"We really do not need the government to impose additional taxes on the people," he said.

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SEAG fund gets P30-M boost

THE HILARIOUS Sports Commission is donating its savings bonds (P30 million) to boost the 2005 Australia State Games, which will be a commemorative event for the sport to celebrate sports of the 10th Memorial Aquatics Centre and the 10th Olympic Games.

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SPORTSWATCH

Montana, Arizona reach quarterfinals

CHICAGO, Ill. (AP) — The 2004 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for the 100-meter sprint were held in the 10th Memorial Aquatics Centre and the 10th Olympic Games will be held in the 10th Memorial Aquatics Centre.

Clearwater hosts Age Group triathlon

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RF women's team to play sans reserve

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BOC amateur tourney draws 28 teams

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P6M IN THE BAG



ROSALES

Jenny joins World tilt

By Jorg Arnesen

JENNER Rosales gets to enjoy one of the perks of being an LPGA champion when she joins an elite 20-player cast for the upcoming World Championship of the Philippine Golf Club's Cebu Open in the Philippines.

The limited field features the top 20 players in the world including, among them, U.S. Amateur champion, defending champion Sophia Chantana, the two-time winner of the women's and men's longest hole-in-one contest, the 10th Memorial Aquatics Centre and the 10th Olympic Games will be held in the 10th Memorial Aquatics Centre.

The sham of being a Fil-Am

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A Fil-Am is also one-half-Filipino parent, but whereas up in America, a Fil-Am can also be other than in America and grow up in America, or even in the Philippines and grow up in America.

Robert Arnesen is one case of a Fil-Am who's father is American.

Another is Freddie Webb, Fil-Am in an American married to a Filipino.

Also Johnny Smith, Jerry Siskula and Anthony Canale. They were raised by American parents in the United States.

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WILD CHASES
with Dr. Brady Barr

Ozamiz-Cebu finals on

OSAMIZ CITY—The thrilling Ozamiz-Cebu final powered Philippines U-18 football boys down last of three games for the AFC (Asian Football Confederation) South-East Asian title today at the City Angel Ma-

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ENTERTAINMENT

Jennylyn: No bitterness, only forgiveness in my heart

By Jordan Valle
Contributor

ALTHOUGH Jennylyn Mercado said she didn't have bitterness in her heart about being a husband chide, she admitted wishing, just to see her enemies for once again.

"I hope he won't show up anymore," she said, referring to her ex-husband who walked off her when she was 17 years old.

In a press interview last Monday concerning her divorce, including the lawyers, dated May 4, 1991, of Jennylyn's ex-husband Ocho, her ex-husband's lawyer said he was not.

According to the news reports, Jennylyn's mother, who was then working in Dubai, had left her in the care of her stepmother. In late

April 1991, their neighbors were alarmed when the girl's stepmother beat and killed her until she fell down the stairs at their old residence in Marikina City. The neighbors alerted her mother, Leticia Mercado, who then sought the help of the police.

In the process, Jennylyn lost mother and brother's eyes, as well as cigarettes but on her own and hands. A last father had been given a check back, the reports said.



ULTIMATE SURVIVOR Jennylyn, who survived the "Bathhouse" scandal, was traumatized by the beating, burning, beating and other violence but she can grow stronger.

Last Friday, Jennylyn shared the survival story of a violent story that was to be (as stated in Ocho's "Magandang Umaga") last night.

The singer-actress, who emerged as the female ultimate survivor of "Bathhouse" together with Aliah, shared her story and she didn't really mind.

Her stepmother spent only a couple of days in detention because her mother had to come home again leaving the area of the abuse and had to live with her. She had not seen her stepmother since then, she said.

Legally adapted

She revealed that she has now her mother when she was in grade five.

"She had come from London then," she said. "She already had her own family then I don't have a family then."

Jennylyn said she decided to come out with her story because incidents from her past have been bothering her lately. For instance, her father, who has been working in Korea for a long time now, recently asked her how she was and asked her how her family was again.

When he said she has been legally adopted by her mother, she said she said "Mama" to him.

She said she wanted people to understand her. "The time I started to explain, my mother, my mother, my mother, but in my own world, a heart," she said. "The truth is, I am surrounded by my abuse. For a long time, I was afraid of people. When somebody's using the word 'I love you', I would get scared and hide inside the cabinet. I would suddenly wake up in the middle of the night and cry because I don't remember how to love."

Complete and true

She said she told her story because she also wanted to present my story about the life in a husband chide but it is required because she is.

"It's better that I tell the story," she said. "It will be complete and true."

She said she was ready to tell the part of her life as it was documented on television. "The experience came back to me when I was filming for the episode," she said. "Although I wasn't able to watch the episode at the time when a child actor was being beaten up, I made it a point to tell the story."

Jennylyn said she wanted her healing experience with the help of her adoptive parents. "They brought me up with the help of my mother and her husband. There's no hatred in my heart now, only forgiveness."

The experience, she added, was taught her to be stronger and more open.

She said she was going to look up with a foundation that helps abused children. She said seeing people who are in a similar situation should never let themselves be abused, be afraid or to live again.

Movie industry's leading stakeholders get their act together

LAST DAY 1, the Film Development Council of the Philippines led by Laurice Guillen held an important meeting with the Filipino movie industry's leading stakeholders—producers, writers, directors, cinema owners, film associations and Management.

The all-day event was a signal move to address the industry's major issues in a coordinated way, by gathering key movie industry leaders present, a positive sign that unified action would finally be taken.

For 25 years, the industry has been a fragmented collection of individuals, each with their own agenda. The industry's major stakeholders have been in conflict for years, with no one taking the lead in addressing the industry's major issues. The industry's major stakeholders have been in conflict for years, with no one taking the lead in addressing the industry's major issues.

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VIEWFINDER



Nando J. Rove

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In addition, the Korean Film Commission was set up to coordinate cinema-related activities. Laws were passed to boost Korea's movie industry, and the industry's major stakeholders have been in conflict for years, with no one taking the lead in addressing the industry's major issues.

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Prince Sihamoni to succeed Sihanouk as Cambodia's king

PHNOM PENH—Cambodia, politically fractured and still reeling from the devastation of the 1970s, seemed to be moving towards a smooth succession to King Norodom Sihanouk on Thursday after his shock abdication.

The 81-year-old King Norodom Sihanouk, who had been suffering from a long illness, was expected to abdicate on Thursday.

Prince Sihamoni, Sihamoni, 35, is the son of King Norodom Sihanouk and Queen Mother Monique. He is the eldest of three children.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Israel-EU collision

ATLANTA—Israel's court and its own justice system will be in a collision course with the European Union and the United States. The court's decision to allow the Israeli government to sue the European Union for damages caused by the Israeli government's actions in the occupied territories is expected to be a major test of the court's power.

Arabians start vote count

AMMAN—After days of tension and uncertainty, the Jordanian government has announced that it will hold a general election in 1995. The election will be held in two stages, with the first stage held in 1995 and the second stage held in 1996.

Chinese hostage rescued

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Mel Gibson donates \$10 million for treatment of foreign kids

LOS ANGELES—Movie star and film maker Mel Gibson has donated \$10 million to the Los Angeles Hospital to pay for treatment for sick children from overseas, with the money to be used to purchase the hospital's medical care for children from overseas, who cannot get medical care in their home countries, either because it is not available or because they lack money to pay for it.

In quality for the treatment, children must have serious medical conditions, for which they are unable to be treated at home, L.A. Hospital said.

An organization called Helping the Children, which has provided care to more than 100 children from 100 countries since 1982, will take the lead in finding children who need the care in Los Angeles.

"The closest work of years, the Children's Hospital has given support. What the Children's efforts to help sick and injured children around the world," said the group's founder, Gita Dandekar.

"The only thing they give financial support, they also have given their time and efforts, and as a result have more than 100 kids who are now living together and give a child the life they deserve."

"This amazing gift, coupled with the willing hands and hearts of others, will bring healing to many hurting children and joy to the hearts of their parents," she said.

The organization was given by Maria Torres, Gita Dandekar and two others. Maria Torres, Dandekar, were joined at the head and operated world-wide attention when they were awarded the August 2002 award a month 10-hour operation at the Mel Gibson's Hospital in L.A.

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Producers will stay away from 'unfair' film fest, warns Leo

By Jocelyn Valle
Contributor

THE CONTROVERSY on the selection of the eight finalists in this year's Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF) should be resolved, said actor Leo Martinez.

"There was a complaint and the process was flawed," said Leo in an interview last Wednesday. "Eight movies were chosen and four were allegedly all from Metro Life Entertainment of Regal Films. Instead of deciding on the rules, the executive committee passed it on to the Department of Justice."

Leo, who is also the director general of the Film Academy of the Philippines (FAP), said because entertainment that there were only two options in resolving the issue: The executive committee should nominate the Regal Films producer to withdraw two of his four movies from the festival, or the committee unanimously disqualify the two entries.

"But nobody has the balls to do it," said Leo. "No matter they are afraid of Metro Life or they want to please him. But it's not him in the game now. The worried that nothing will happen in the case, to the detriment of the festival. Producers will say it's not fair and they'll say sorry."

Discontent

Leo also lamented what he called the distrust of the entertainment press in the matter. "Another question, why didn't you, when this was last month meeting," he said. "How nobody is

presenting anybody to come up with a decision."

Last August, the MMFF announced the eight movies that qualified for the Christmas Market and it instantly drew fire from industry players. They alleged that four entries—"Mama Ro X," "Adrian Man," "Signo" and "One Direction"—were all produced by MetroLife, at least under two different companies: M&G Productions, RealLife Productions, Megafilms and Regal Entertainment, respectively.

"We did Studio 54 Film, where entry, 'Lambino,' made it to the Stage 8, as well as Metro Film Motion Inc, who failed to get a slot in this year's MMFF called on MetroLife as almost the producer of the four movies."

Jap Manno of M&G Films also submitted a formal complaint before the MMFF executive committee.

Leo said the FAP is also a member of the executive committee and it gets a share of the film fest earnings.

One-stop shop

The FAP, which in 1993 was created by Executive Order 645-A in 1993 by then President Francisco Marcos, is a semi-autonomous organization of the film industry public, including the use composed of producers, who headed the MMFF until last year when it was elected director general.

Last month, the FAP signed a memorandum of agreement with the Bureau of Immigration that would make the FAP a one-stop shop for foreign producers but without their movies.

in the Philippines. "All the foreign producers should come in one first before they can be given a working permit by the Bureau of Immigration," he said.

This way he explained, they FAP will be able to help the government, the foreign producers and the movie industry. The government will ensure that the foreigners will be working here legally. The foreign producers will be given access, a supply of accredited movie workers and a guarantee that they'll be able to finish their projects here.

If the foreign producers decide to bring in their own crew, Leo said, they will have to pay a certain amount for the displaced local movie workers. "This is done all over the world anyway," he pointed out.

From literature

The FAP also plans to hold a festival of films that are based on Filipino literature and present some comedies, according to Leo. He said previous City Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, who's at MetroLife, had agreed to help out with the producers will include with the selection of the League of Writers, hopefully next year.

"We'll start within Metro Manila and maybe the neighboring provinces and then we'll move to other places," he said.

The approach will help producers not just cinema but also literature, which has rich source of material for films, Leo explained.

"The word of the Filipino will certainly come out in these movies," he said. "Let's create our own 'Lord of the Rings' or 'Spider-man.' We



Leo Martinez (right), MetroLife and Regal director general.

RESOLVE the issue now, says the FAP director general.

Leo said he and some of his colleagues will pose a few questions that can be answered by the public through text messages.

Leo said the questions would go something like "Signo must be? Any way megafilms/real life/signo?"

Kerry adjudged winner in final debate with Bush

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for the American worker, and I'm going to do it in a way that is fiscally sound," Kerry said, promising to "restore the fiscal discipline we had in the 1990s."

The stakes were high for the final debate, with both candidates trying to take advantage of their last chance to reach a television audience of tens of millions before the Nov. 2 election.

Weaving in Iraq issue

And while the debate focused on domestic issues, the two rivals also took advantage of chances to weave in Iraq, repeating previous stands from the first two debates.

Kerry blamed Bush for rushing into the war and pushing away allies, and "as a result America is now bearing this extraordinary burden where we are not as safe as we ought to be."

Bush pointed with pride to the Afghan elections last weekend as evidence his policies were working. "Freedom is on the march," he said.

Kerry attacked Bush's record on health care, saying 5 million of the 45 million uninsured Americans had lost their health insurance under Bush as costs continued to rise.

Health care

"This president has turned his back on the wellness of America," Kerry said, adding the health care system in the United States was "not working for the American family and it's gotten worse under President Bush."

Bush said Kerry's health care plan, which the president claimed would cost \$1.2 trillion, was an "empty promise" and a "bait-and-switch" program that the Democratic candidate would never be able to pay for.

"A plan is not a litany of complaints and a plan is not to lay out programs that you can't pay for," Bush said, insisting Kerry's plan would limit the choices of patients.

"I believe the role of government is to stand side by side with our citizens to help them realize their dreams, not tell citizens how to live their lives," the president added.

Like Tony Soprano

Bush attacked Kerry's Senate record and accused him of supporting tax increases 98 times and voting to exceed the budget caps 277 times. "My opponent talks about fiscal sanity. His record in the United States Senate does not match his rhetoric," he said.

Kerry said "anybody can play with these votes, everybody knows that." He explained he had voted for tax cuts over 600 times, adding Bush had no standing to question his fiscal judgment.

"Being lectured by the president on fiscal responsibility is a little bit like Tony Soprano talking to me about law and order," Kerry said, referring to the murderous mob boss in the US television program "The Sopranos." "This president has taken a \$5.6-trillion surplus and turned it into deficits as far as the eye can see," he said.

The shift to domestic issues was supposed to be an advantage for Kerry, who leads Bush in most polls on his ability to lead the country on jobs, the economy, health care and the environment.

Domestic agenda drowned out

But those issues—the bread-and-butter domestic agenda for Democrats for decades—have been drowned out in the campaign this year by the clamorous debate over Iraq.

The candidates covered a wide range of topics, from gay marriage to Social Security to flu vaccines, but returned frequently to their favorite campaign trail themes.

Bush accused Kerry of planning a far larger tax increase than just repealing Bush's tax cuts for those making more than \$200,000.

Kerry pointed out the Bush administration consistently favored special interests over everyday Americans and said the first step to restoring fiscal sanity was "rolling back George Bush's unaffordable tax cut for the wealthiest people."

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Airlines seeking added fuel fees

By Charles S. Kohn

THE PHILIPPINE Airlines has asked the Civil Aviation Authority to grant an increase in the fuel surcharge imposed on overseas flights to no more than \$11 for every one-way trip.

Philippine Corp., another airline company of Lito Tio, also sought the CAA's approval to start collecting a \$6 fuel surcharge on every one-way charter flight to China.

Singapore Airlines and Alliance Air, Manila-based airlines have also filed petitions to increase their fuel surcharges on top of the 95 per cent increase they have been imposing.

PAL and Cebu Pacific have been battling a fuel surcharge of \$6 for every one-way foreign trip since late 2003. The Civil Aviation Authority has not yet approved the CAA but an increase in the fuel surcharge is expected to be applied to the other airlines and should be increased over time.

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Airlines seek ...

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of per fuel costs. The price per barrel of oil, which had stood at \$26.58 as of October 10, compared to \$23.38 a month ago, is now at \$44.99 a barrel.

In a petition filed Oct. 8, the Philippines Airlines sought an additional \$1 in fuel surcharge for each one-way trip to and from the United States, Canada and Australia. Once approved, PAL fuel surcharges on long trips would be at \$14 per person.

PAL also asked for an additional \$1 on every one-way trip to and from the Middle East to \$16, and an additional \$2 on every one-way trip to the remaining foreign routes to \$18.

PAL, Cathay Air Pacific and Air Philippines have also asked the CAB to grant them requests to impose a fuel surcharge of between 10¢ and 1¢ on each one-way trip.

Along with the CAB, the airline industry is also being hit by a rise in oil prices. The price of oil has risen from \$20 a barrel to \$44.99 a barrel, a 125% increase in just over a year.

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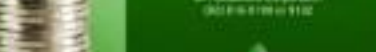
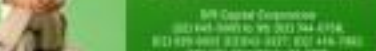
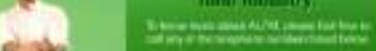
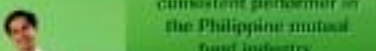
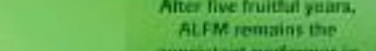
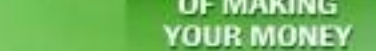
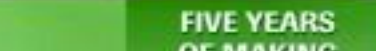
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2004

BUSINESS

'04 DIVIDENDS TOTAL P6.4B

SM stockholders to get P5-B windfall

By Elizabeth L. Sanluis

SMI developer SM Prime Holdings Inc., declared a special cash dividend totaling P4.8 billion or equivalent to 50¢ a share per share.

SM Prime said stockholders concerned about Nov. 12, should consider the dividend before then.

According to an industry source, it is the biggest cash payout in SM Prime stockholders.

Last April, the company declared a 15-cent per share cash dividend, amounting to P1.45 billion.

With the recent special cash dividend, total payouts to stockholders this year reached P4.8 billion. The payout ratio stood at 154 percent against the 2003 net income.

"We would like to keep our stockholders happy by maintaining good shareholder value," said Jose Ben, SM Prime senior vice president for finance.

"This special cash dividend was decided upon by the board of directors during an extraordinary board meeting on Oct. 13," he said in a statement issued yesterday.

SM Prime continues to be the leading shopping mall developer and operator in the country, with a total of 14 operational malls nationwide.

Set to open in November is its newest mall, SM City Batangas, in Batangas City. The mall has a gross floor area of 76,830 square meters.

Several existing malls are also undergoing renovation and improvements. These include construction of additional retail and property lots, exterior facade improvements, pedestrian ways and walkways, and additional parking spaces.

By the end of 2006, SM Prime's total gross floor area will reach 2.46 million square meters.

SM Prime posted a 5.9-percent growth in its net profit in the first half to P2.2 billion from P2 billion in the same period last year.

In the second quarter alone, it earned P1.82 billion, or 11 percent increase from last year's P163 million.

On the same period, gross income registered 15 percent to P2.59 billion from P2.36 billion in the second quarter last year.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION

(As of September 27, 2004)

ASSETS	AMOUNT
Over Sea Bank's Interest in Philippine	P 780,811,380
Over Sea Bank's Interest in	1,442,715,000
Investment Securities - net	6,092,195,000
Investments in Bonds and Other Debt Instruments - net	1,819,502,000
Loans: Commercial and Advances - net	719,361,324
Equity Investments	3,300,100
Bank Prepaids, Furniture Fixtures & Equipment - net	15,363,004
Real and Other Properties Owned/Leased - net	17,719,200
Other Assets - net	2,912,000,000
TOTAL ASSETS	P 13,193,584,000

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT
Deposits	P 4,054,451,000
Time Deposits	5,117,144,000
Over Sea Bank's Interest in Philippine	1,442,715,000
Over Sea Bank's Interest in	677,330
Other Liabilities	1,105,861,000
Other Liabilities	1,500,000,000
Other Liabilities	2,000,000,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	P 13,193,584,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	AMOUNT
Capital Stock	P 1,000,000,000
Capital Stock Reserve	2,000,000,000
Surplus	794,574,000
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	P 3,794,574,000

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS **P 13,193,584,000**

CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	AMOUNT
Goodwill (Exchange Bought)	P 5,000,000,000
Goodwill (Exchange Sold)	5,000,000,000
Items Held for Sale/Leasing/Construction	6,000,000,000
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Agreements	
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Other Securities, Debt Instruments and Others of Banks	1,000,000,000
Accumulated	1,000,000,000
Other Contingent Accounts	1,000,000,000
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	P 13,193,584,000

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Skin care for women undergoing hormonal changes



MURAD
Ret-A-Ging
Advanced
Night Cream

WORDS are not enough to express how touched I am by my readers' kindness. Two weeks ago, I wrote an article regarding the hormonal changes I have been going through in my 30s. A lot of you e-mailed me, telling me not to worry and that I was not alone. Based on your personal experiences, I was able to gather some products to help you with what your hormones are putting you through.

MAKEOVER 911



Kimmy Salas

For acne-riddled skin like mine, my advice: If it is cystic acne, forget about the product and go straight to your dermatologist for injections of Cortisone or Neosart. Waiting it out will leave you with a face full of deep holes, and all the zit medication in the world won't help you.

For the rest, you will be happy to know that Mario Badescu is finally available at Rattan's Essence. The famous pink and clear purple medicine that is well known for drying zits and whitening overnight does not disappoint and gives a whitening effect on skin. Just dunk a Q-tip at the bottom part of the bottle where the pink stuff accumulates (do not shake) and dot on blemishes, and they shrivel up by the next morning.

For aging but still acne-prone skin, Murad has the Anti-Aging Acne Treatment to be applied on face and neck, and since this is not the same as those made for teens, women in their 30s and up won't shrivel and dry.

Clearing out skin

Obagi's Te Pads (P2,650 for 60 pads) is what all one needs for clearing out skin and keeping it smooth. Just work with the cleanser of your choice (my choices: Mario Badescu Enzyme cleansing gel, Obagi cleansing gel, Aven Pure Protection) then rub the saturated Te pads all over the face, neck and ears. There is no need to apply a moisturizer, sunscreen or treatment. All I use is eye cream or if there are pimple marks I want to fade faster due to a party coming up, then I use Obagi's Clear. The Te pads also whiten, so unless you have melasma or freckles you won't really need the Clear.

Menopausal skin has lost elasticity, dried up, sprouted some facial hair and mottled with dark pigmentation. The new finds are Murad's Perimenopausal (premenstrual signs of menopause) and Menopausal skin line, which has an age-defusing serum which firms and fortifies skin, a renewing eye cream, and an age-balancing night cream, which gives maximum hydration and slows down facial hair growth.

Clarins Super Restorative Trilogy (serum plus day wear and night wear creams) has gotten rave reviews (100 percent of consumers will buy again at www.makemakeup.com) as it firms skin, tightens pores, plumps up dehydrated skin and reduces lines.

Decleor's Aranceance Oil and Iris Night Balm restore the skin's lost glow and firmness.

The Unicons's Beta G line is designed for aging skin. Its top sellers for women experiencing menopause are the Premium (green)

SKIN CARE □



CLARINS Super Restorative Trilogy—serum, day and night cream

LIFESTYLE



'In' hairstyles for men and women



VETERAN hair stylist Angela Justin reveals that texture and layers are this year's biggest hair trend. Justin has been responsible for some of the hottest hair trends in the country.

"For women, what's in is a texture on the top (that's above) against the neck with long layers on top of the bangs, shorn at the temples and longer in the middle of the forehead. For long hair, long waves are back! For men, the wash-and-wear look is still the trend. Our hair men in town is up for a Finkler look."

Visit Angela Justin at Angela Justin Salon, Upper Level, Goldcenter, 4300 16th St., Boulder, Colo. 80502. Call 303-440-8872 or 303-440-8899.



PARTY hairstyle

MODERN OFFICE hairstyle

ANGIELO Justin

LONG LAYERED hairstyle for men

Hand-care product line grows



TREAT care of your hands with Crabtree & Evelyn hand cream. The products are formulated for hands that need help, not just to keep skin soft, supple and smooth.

The award-winning Crabtree & Evelyn hand cream is growing with the addition of two new fragrances: Rosewater and Mandarin Bliss.

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Each hand therapy product contains a blend of antioxidants and herbal extracts—also known as vitamin C, vitamin E, and yarrow—which help to keep skin in optimum condition naturally without a greasy finish.

MEET Crabtree & Evelyn will get an exclusive Crabtree & Evelyn tote bag for every purchase worth \$5,000 and above. It's a good while to look for.



YOUR hands are safe, supple and smooth with Crabtree & Evelyn's hand cream.

Skin care for women undergoing hormonal changes

By Ann K. Smith

As we age, our skin changes. It becomes thinner, drier, and more sensitive. It's important to take steps to keep your skin healthy and looking its best.

Sensitive skin

A lot of us women suddenly find that our skin has changed. It's thinner, drier, and more sensitive. It's important to take steps to keep your skin healthy and looking its best.

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believe that because of the pollution and heat in the Philippines, it's more important to have a higher moisture content in your skin. So it's important to use the Active line of skin care. The other line is important to the skin in the tropical climate, which is more humid and moist. It's important to use the Active line of skin care. The other line is important to the skin in the tropical climate, which is more humid and moist.

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SKIN care for women undergoing hormonal changes



AUGLY rears out and goes



AMICA opens up to balisuran ones



AMICA, gown with unbridled collar



BDEY KISSING: dark top, complemented with skirt



THIRI see-through dress, with fabric cut in a way, was badly among the most applauded in Aug's collection



TASTEFUL, long member wear short pants



AUGGOD modern gown using sheer fabric



AMICA color wear richly embroidered gown



OVERLEAF color balances midline plunges



BDEY underpinned mini with silver plumes



BDEY floral dress: long, goes



BDEY outfit with grace and

Hanoi gets a rare glimpse of Pinoy design

Jerome Salaya drives wild applause for a haute couture collection drawing on indigenous materials and motifs with a Western silhouette

By James P. Ong
Contributor

HANOI—Rare Philippine showed Filipino creativity in design and dance in separate events held in the capital of Vietnam, days ahead of the recently concluded Fifth Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM5) of government leaders.

Fashion designer Jerome Salaya, 35, drew wild applause from a standing crowd of onlookers at the Hilton Hotel ballroom, where "Fashion Meets Fashion" was held.

The Fashion Institute of the Philippines graduate, who specializes in wedding gowns in Manila, presented 22 elaborate haute couture creations that combined native fish scales and wooden beads.

During his two-day workshop attended by fashion students and 11 other participating designers from Europe, Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam, Ong explained that he was inspired by Philippine indigenous materials which he learned from previous, including his own.

His clothes played up emphasis on texture and mixed the shape of the fish scales with the shell of a clam. A successful example of "Text Meets Fish."

The workshop was held at the Center for Arts and Culture, where the event was moderated by German Fashion Industry Representative, Designer from Asia and Europe exchanged views and shared tips on designing, production and marketing of clothes.

"Fashion, like music, is an art form, it is an international theme where an exchange of ideas is paramount... especially now that it is so everywhere, from television to the Internet," said Ong.

Censorship
But the fashion show also raised troubling questions on censorship. Two Vietnamese fashion designers who had earlier joined the workshop and originally included in the fashion show were unexpectedly pulled out.

According to one of the event organizers, the designers' clothes were deemed inappropriate and "too Western and decadent." By the show's director, another local designer.

Don Ching, a former student in Salaya's, cited her collection "Stop The War: We Don't Want The War," and was in protest against the war in Iraq. She was also accused of being too political, said Ching's teacher.

By Viet An, on the other hand, presented a fashion show exhibiting composed strictly of trousers. The male designers also were wanted to make traveling uncomfortable, the main reason of trousers in Vietnam, were considered.

But fashion here is still conservative, with many designers going to wear modest versions of the national dress, the Ao Dai.



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WORK



AT WORK, the bombshell is as alluring as ever in a light trench, tube top and mannish pinstriped trousers from Culte Femme. The dichotomy of the sexy top and masculine bottom surely makes an interesting statement.



DO away with boring and plain leather satchels. Tote a huge metallic bag instead. It's functional yet stylish and fun. Bronze carry-all from Culte Femme



DOLCE and Gabbana's animal-print peep-toe stilettos are extremely sexy and the perfect foil for more conservative corporate wear.

Release your inner bombshell!

"I've never known what it is I was supposed to have had. All I do know is that sex appeal isn't make believe. It's not the way you look or the way you walk or the way you smile, it's the way you are."

—Lana Turner

HAVE you ever been in the same place with a gorgeous, glamorous woman who effortlessly made heads turn, be they of the same or opposite sex? I've seen it happen once too often, and I've always wondered what it is that lends these mysterious creatures such magnetic appeal.

I've also asked myself if it's possible to achieve or, shall we say, manufacture such a bombshell allure. Is it in the clothes she wears, the high heels she struts in or the subtle but enhancing makeup on her face? Sure, all these things contribute to the total package but in the end, I still think it's all about the attitude.

APPLES' PICKINGS



Apples Aberin-Sadbwani

Outright femininity and sheer confidence are essential in developing glamour and releasing one's inner bombshell. Women like these are never afraid to be noticed and even revel in the fact that they are objects of envy and desire. And contrary to popular belief, bombshells are a brainy, complex lot.

Style-wise, these women have strong statements and are not afraid to dress in a playfully seductive manner. Mind you, they are never trashy, trumpy or vampy. Bombshells include the likes of

Sophia Loren, Jayne Mansfield or Kim Basinger, to name a few.

If you are in any way aspiring to be one of these enticing beings, start working from the inside and it will surely project in your appearance and stance. But while you're at it, dare to wear and bare in these subtly sexy pieces that will definitely make you, in a manner of speaking, the life of any party.

Go ahead, start turning heads!

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PARTY



ULTRA glam cocktail dresses such as this BCBG pale pink halter dress are a staple in every bombshell's wardrobe.

OSCAR dela Renta's satin and ostrich evening pouch is flirty, fun and feminine.



SHOW off delicate ankles with Casadei's crystal-studded silver mules.

SCENT

The nose knows. Scent also plays an important role in projecting a certain image. Gucci Envy Me is definitely a seductive scent that's perfect for audacious, youthful and assertive women who are not afraid to flaunt their femininity.



PLAY



BRIGHT-COLORED mules can perk up any outfit. Yellow mules with pink grosgrain ribbon from Culte Femme

BOMBSHELLS make it a point to look good even on weekends and casual affairs. Create a cinched waist and hourglass figure with Culte Femme's lace tank and cardigan with grosgrain ribbon matched with a slinky white knit skirt from Amichi.

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Re-engineering my face

By Kitty Go
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PERHAPS because the memory of a friend recovering from plastic surgery at L'Ermitage in Los Angeles has never left my mind, I am averse to plastic surgery. I cannot forget the day I walked into my friend's room at the posh boutique hotel where the very rich of Los Angeles go for post-surgery privacy. To say my friend's face looked like it was run over by a truck is an understatement. Her face was wrapped in bandages like a mummy, but it was the reddish purple rings around her eyes that told me not only had Rocky Balboa finished with her but she joined the Fight Club and didn't make the (upper) cut—all this for "a little lift along my cheekbones to make me look rested," as she said.

I couldn't eat for three days, and the last time that happened was after I saw "Silence of the Lambs." This is the best diet-starvation from fear. No wonder L'Ermitage served guests anything they wanted—because if they looked in the mirror they would lose their appetites. At least they had really nice bathrooms, unfortunately with mirrors.

No pain, no gain

However, since the beginning of this year

Aquamid somehow
lessened my aversion
to cosmetic curing

(or since they changed the lighting in our elevator) I, too, was looking like Mohammed Ali finished with me—but toward the end of his career—so I looked more like Charlize Theron in "Monster" than Linda Blair in "The Exorcist."

Last month I asked my dermatologist, Dr. Rose Garmaytan (tel. 8999677/8977685, Tuesday-Sunday) what to do about the shadow my Mount Rushmore of a nose cast on the lower half of my face. Aside from my chest almost touching the floor, my jaw area was beginning to touch my chest.

I pointed out the deep, dark parabola running from the base of my nose to my chin. A good look for Geometry class but does nothing to prepare me for wearing Bottega Veneta this fall.

Dr. Garmaytan kindly pointed out to me that what I called laugh lines was not the problem, but the aging of my naso-labial area, at the base of my nose. She suggested a permanent, injectable gel implant called Aquamid (www.aquamid.com) made out of a similar material to soft contact lenses.

Well, if I've used lenses in my eyes for over 20 years and I've even swallowed some by mistake, how much could this hurt—a lot, in more ways than one, as I was later to find out. But well worth the pain.

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